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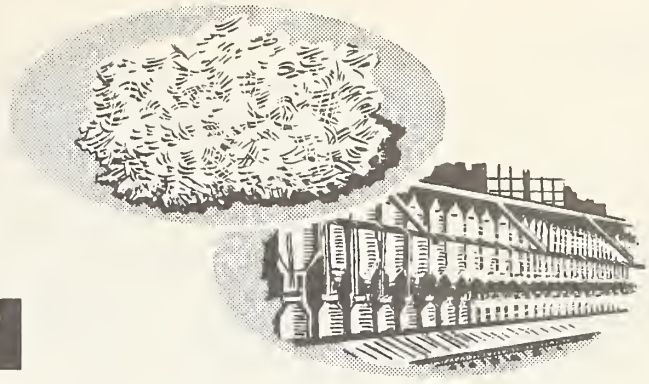

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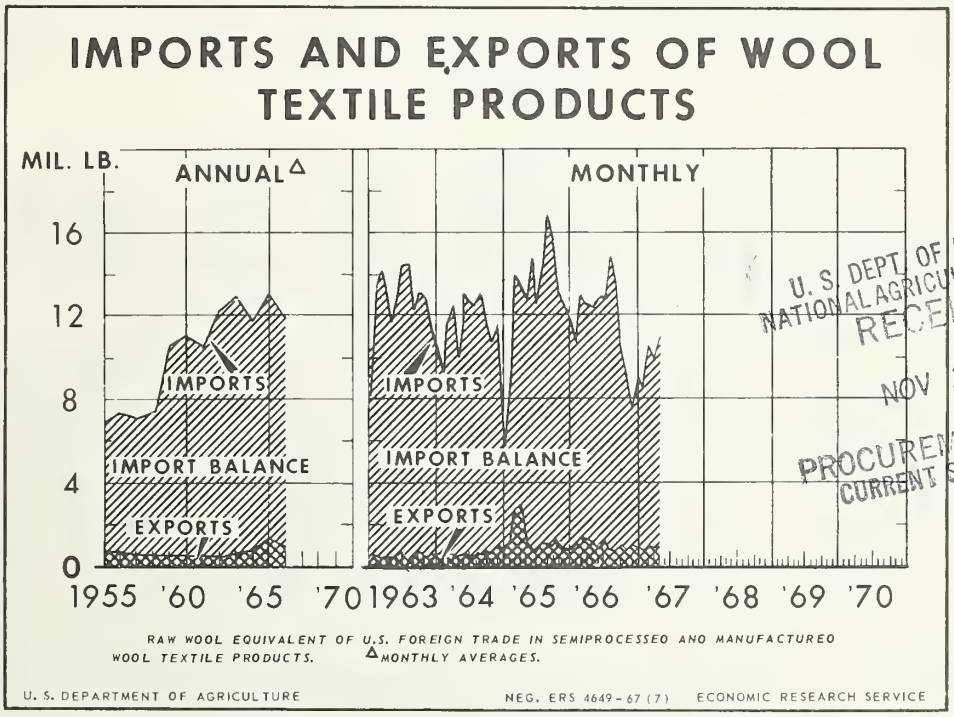

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Wool Situation at a Glance

Item	Unit	1966 April	1966 May	1966 June	1967 April	1967 May	1967 June
Average price received by farmers, grease basis	Ct. per lb.	54.0	53.3	54.0	40.3	40.7	42.2
Parity price 1/	Ct. per lb.	85.2	85.2	85.2	86.3	86.5	87.0
Farm price as a percentage of parity	Percent	63	63	63	47	47	49
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1910-14=100	303	299	303	226	229	237
Index numbers of prices received by farmers	1957-59=100	123	121	123	92	93	96
Domestic prices, Boston, clean basis 2/							
Graded territory							
Fine, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	135.0	137.5	137.5	117.5	117.5	123.5
1/2 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	130.0	132.5	132.5	107.5	107.5	116.2
Graded fleece							
3/8 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	122.5	122.5	118.3	91.8	89.5	97.5
1/4 blood, good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	121.1	121.0	116.3	87.9	86.5	92.5
Original bag Texas, fine 12 months							
good French combing and staple	Ct. per lb.	135.0	137.5	137.5	112.5	116.5	125.0
Imported prices, Boston, clean, excluding duty 2/							
Australian, 64's 70's, good topmaking	Ct. per lb.	127.5	127.5	127.5	112.5	112.5	117.5
Australian, 64's combing	Ct. per lb.	122.5	122.5	122.5	107.5	107.5	112.5
Montevideo, 0's (58's, 60's)	Ct. per lb.	107.5	107.5	107.5	92.5	92.5	94.5
Montevideo, 2's (50's)	Ct. per lb.	97.5	97.5	97.5	82.5	82.5	72.5
Buenos Aires, 5's (40's)	Ct. per lb.	73.5	73.5	73.5	52.0	46.4	46.0
BLS Wholesale price index 3/							
All commodities	1957-59=100	105.5	105.6	105.7	105.3	105.8	106.3
Textile products and apparel	1957-59=100	102.2	102.2	102.2	101.8	101.6	---
Wool products	1957-59=100	106.3	106.4	106.5	103.1	103.1	---
Wool broadwoven fabrics	1957-59=100	106.4	106.6	106.6	106.8	106.7	---
Personal income payments (adjusted) 4/	Bil. dol.	570.5	573.0	577.2	616.5	618.2	621.9
Retail store sales (apparel group adjusted) 4/	Mil. dol.	1,389	1,406	1,460	1,590	---	---
Mill consumption, scoured basis 5/							
Average weekly rate (unadjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	5,844	5,745	5,614	4,661	4,684	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	2,116	2,119	1,910	1,645	1,739	---
Average weekly rate (seasonally adjusted) 6/							
Apparel wool	1,000 lb.	5,850	5,285	5,113	4,666	4,309	---
Carpet wool	1,000 lb.	2,195	2,134	1,975	1,706	1,751	---
Monthly aggregates 6/							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	23.4	23.0	28.1	18.6	18.7	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	8.5	8.5	9.6	6.6	7.0	---
Accumulated since January 1							
Apparel wool	Mil. lb.	99.3	122.3	150.4	77.6	96.3	---
Carpet wool	Mil. lb.	37.9	46.4	55.9	26.6	33.5	---
Total apparel and carpet	Mil. lb.	137.2	168.7	206.3	104.2	129.8	---
Imports for consumption, clean content							
Monthly aggregates							
Dutiable wools	1,000 lb.	17,387	14,791	14,306	10,708	8,287	9,489
Duty-free wools	1,000 lb.	9,533	8,320	11,386	3,241	5,566	6,347
Accumulated since January 1							
Dutiable wools	Mil. lb.	75.5	90.3	104.6	41.0	49.2	58.7
Duty-free wools	Mil. lb.	36.4	44.7	56.1	20.2	25.8	32.1
Total dutiable and duty-free	Mil. lb.	111.9	135.1	160.7	61.2	75.0	90.9
Man-made staple and tow prices							
Acrilan 3 denier 7/	Ct. per lb.	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Dacron, 3 denier, type 54 7/	Ct. per lb.	84.0	84.0	84.0	72.0	72.0	72.0
Orlon, 3 denier, 7/	Ct. per lb.	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
Viscose, 1 1/2 denier 8/	Ct. per lb.	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0

1/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These are the legally applicable parity prices for the following month. 2/ From Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market. 3/ United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 4/ United States Department of Commerce (seasonally adjusted annual rates). 5/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products. 6/ 4 or 5 weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter. 7/ From Modern Textile Magazine. 8/ From Textile Organon.

THE WOOL SITUATION

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SUMMARY

World sheep numbers increased slightly this year, and early estimates put 1967/68 world wool production at a record high. Sheep numbers rose in Oceania, Eastern Europe, the U.S.S.R., and Asia; those in South America and Africa were stable, while declines occurred in North America and Western Europe. Wool stocks in major-exporting regions probably are somewhat higher than a year ago. The increase in stocks, however, will mainly be of the coarse, or carpet class types. World mill consumption of wool declined in late 1966 and again in early 1967. These declines are expected to lead to slightly less consumption in 1967 than the high level of 1966.

Prices of British Dominion 56's and finer wool during the first 5 months of 1967 rose about 4 percent, but eased slightly in late June as the season closed. With a slight increase expected in mill activity, prices for these grades may show gradual strengthening in coming months. Prices of coarse wools likely will weaken with the lower price floors announced by the New Zealand Wool Commission for new clip wool. However, the Commission holds large stocks of coarse wools bought primarily in January-June 1967. For these wools, the Commission has stated it will schedule orderly sales when prices will cover costs.

As of July, U.S. shorn wool production in 1967 was estimated at 189 million pounds--3 percent less than in 1966. However, low mill consumption, high stocks, and competition from imported wool and man-made fibers resulted in sharply reduced prices of domestic wool. Prices of U.S. wool reached a low point in April and May. Market prices strengthened a few cents during June and July, and for the rest of 1967 probably will run close to current levels. However, prices received by growers for shorn wool in 1967 will probably fall well below the 1966 average of 52.1 cents a pound.

Government payments to growers on 1966 marketings of shorn wool and unshorn lambs totaled $26 million, down from $34.2 million in 1965. Higher shorn wool prices and smaller marketings resulted in a decline in payments from 1965 to 1966. However, with lower prices, payments on 1966 marketings of mohair rose sharply to $6 million. Mohair marketings declined in 1966.

U.S. duty rates on selected descriptions of imported raw wool were reduced during recent trade negotiations. Wools affected by this action are generally of low quality.

Mill consumption of raw apparel wool during January-May 1967 amounted to 96 million pounds, scoured basis--21 percent less than the high level of a year earlier. Weekly consumption, seasonally adjusted, held relatively stable during the first 5 months of 1967, after declining sharply in late 1966. Large January 1 stocks of wool tops and a continued low level of unfilled orders for finished wool apparel fabrics resulted in the general decline in wool use. Consumption of raw wool on the worsted system during the first 5 months of 1967 was 28 percent below a year earlier; use on the woolen system was down 9 percent.

With low prices for raw wool, some increase is expected in wool mill activity toward the end of 1967. Retail sales of apparel are high, and wool fabric deliveries to the military forces continue large. Stocks of wool tops apparently declined since January; production of tops fell 28 percent, while utilization (as indicated by worsted fabric production) declined only 19 percent. Stocks of wool fabrics were relatively low during early 1967. However, the low level of unfilled orders for finished wool apparel fabrics and strong competition from man-made fibers may partly offset the factors pointing to higher consumption rates in coming months. It now appears that mill use of apparel wool in calendar 1967 will total about 240 to 245 million pounds--down from 267 million pounds in 1966.

Imports of semiprocessed and manufactured apparel wool textiles declined with the reduced activity in the apparel wool industry. During January-June 1967, imports of these items totaled 33 million pounds, raw wool equivalent--some 19 percent less than a year earlier. Imports of these products during late calendar 1967 are expected to increase with the expected rise in mill activity, but the annual total may be somewhat less than the 84 million pounds in 1966

Dutiable raw wool imports in the first 6 months of 1966 amounted to 59 million pounds, clean basis--44 percent less than a year earlier. Mill consumption declined in early 1967, and commercial stocks of raw apparel wool were sharply higher. Some increase in imports is expected during the coming months, and for 1967, imports will likely total an estimated 125 to 130 million pounds, compared with 163 million pounds in 1966.

Mill use of raw carpet wool during January-May 1967 totaled 34 million pounds, scoured basis--28 percent less than a year earlier--continuing the declining trend of recent years. This downtrend in consumption and sharply higher stocks in early 1967 led to a 43 percent drop in imports of duty-free raw wool from a year earlier. Carpet wool prices during the next several months are expected to continue at low levels. This may result in some increase in consumption. Carpet wool consumption in 1967 probably will total some 10 to 15 million pounds below the 104 million pounds consumed in 1966. Imports of duty-free raw wool may run 25 to 30 million pounds below the 115 million pounds imported in 1966. Non-cellulosic fibers likely will continue to gain a larger share of total fiber use in carpet and rug yarns.

THE DOMESTIC SITUATION

U.S. WOOL PRICES

U.S. wool prices declined in early 1967 to levels sharply below a year earlier. Mill consumption of apparel wool in the United States continued low through May 1967, after a sharp drop in late 1966. Reduced U.S. mill consumption and lower mill activity in other major-manufacturing countries led to lower world prices of wool. Large U.S. stocks of raw wool also contributed to lower U.S. wool prices. Production of man-made fibers rose and prices of these fibers were reduced.

Prices received by growers for shorn wool thus far during 1967 averaged about a fifth lower than a year earlier. Boston prices of U.S. shorn wool in April and May reached a low point for the first 7 months of this season. Prices rose slightly in June and continued relatively firm during July. Some additional strength in wool prices may occur by the end of 1967. (See table 1.)

Table 1.--Average price per pound, grease basis, received by farmers for shorn wool, U.S., by months, 1963-67

Month	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967 1/
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Jan.	45.5	50.3	45.0	47.7	45.6
Feb.	47.5	52.5	45.9	50.2	43.6
Mar.	51.1	54.9	46.3	53.1	41.1
Apr.	49.4	54.6	46.9	54.0	40.3
May	48.7	53.8	47.3	53.3	40.7
June	49.9	54.7	48.8	54.0	42.2
July	49.0	52.4	47.3	51.3	41.5
Aug.	46.2	51.0	46.8	49.0	
Sept.	45.5	50.0	45.9	47.4	
Oct.	46.6	51.2	45.6	42.4	
Nov.	47.2	49.3	46.0	43.0	
Dec.	48.1	47.3	46.8	43.1	
Weighted season Average 2/	48.5	53.2	47.1	52.1	

1/ Preliminary. 2/ 9-month period beginning April 1 for 1963, calendar year for 1964 and thereafter.
Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Differentials among prices of the various grades of U.S. shorn wool were relatively stable during the first half of 1967, but were sharply wider than a year earlier. Boston prices of territory shorn wool grading 50's and finer in June were between 6 and 9 cents a pound, clean basis, below January 1967. Compared with a year earlier, June 1967 prices of 60's and finer wools declined about 16 cents a pound, and prices of the coarser grades fell 24 cents a pound. (See Statistical Summary, Part 1, Prices.)

1967 SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION

U.S. production of shorn wool in 1967 was estimated in July at 189 million pounds, grease basis. This is 3 percent less than a year earlier, and continues the decline that began in 1961. The clean content of the 1967 production was estimated around 90 million pounds, compared with 93 million pounds in 1966. The total number of sheep shorn or to be shorn in 1967 decreased, while the average weight per fleece is expected to be slightly higher. (See tables 9 and 10.)

Production of shorn wool in the 11 Western States, Texas, and South Dakota declined about 1 percent to 143 million pounds, grease basis. The number of sheep shorn during 1967 in these 13 States declined about 2 percent, compared with a year earlier, and the average fleece weight rose slightly. Production in 4 of these States increased. Texas--the leading wool-producing State--is expected to produce slightly more during 1967, and account for about 21 percent of the U.S. total; South Dakota, New Mexico, and California are other States where production is expected to increase.

The quantity of wool shorn or to be shorn in the 35 Native of fleece-wool States during 1967 will probably total about 45 million pounds, grease basis--7 percent less than a year earlier. Production in 30 of the 35 States declined; production remained unchanged in 3 States and rose slightly in 2 States. Although, fleece weights averaged slightly higher, the estimated number of sheep shorn in 1967 declined. (See table 11.)

GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS FOR 1966 WOOL AND MOHAIR MARKETINGS

Payments made on 1966 marketings of shorn wool, unshorn lambs, and mohair totaled about $32.0 million--$4.1 million less than in 1965. Incentive payments to wool and mohair producers are made under authority of the National Wool Act of 1954. (See table 12.)

Shorn wool and unshorn lamb payments for 1966 marketings totaled $21.0 million and $5.0 million, respectively. Both marketings and payment rates were down substantially, compared with a year earlier. The lower payment rate was a result of higher shorn wool prices in 1966, compared with 1965. The average shorn wool price in 1967 is expected to be lower than the 52.1 cents a pound in 1966, and the incentive price was increased from 65 cents in 1966 to 66 cents in 1967. Consequently, the payment rate on 1967 marketings probably will be moderately higher than in 1966. The incentive price for 1968 shorn wool marketings has been set at 67 cents a pound.

Payments on 1966 marketings of mohair totaled $6.0 million--up sharply from a year earlier. Marketings in 1966 declined slightly, compared with those in 1965, but the payment rate increased. For 1967 markeings, the payment rate is expected to be higher than in 1966 as a result of a further decline in farm prices and a higher support level. The 1968 mohair support price is 77.4 cents a pound.

The advertising and promotion programs of the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc., and the Mohair Council of America, Inc. are financed by deductions from producers payments. Deductions from payments on 1966 marketings were 1.5 cents a pound on shorn wool and mohair and 7.5 cents a hundredweight on unshorn lambs.

RAW WOOL TARIFF

Rates of duty collected on certain descriptions of U.S. raw wool imports were reduced during recent Kennedy Round trade negotiations. Trade agreements made by U.S. officials were under authority of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. These agreements affected a large number of U.S. products.

Table 13 shows rates of duty on wool that are currently in effect and those that will be in effect on January 1, 1972. Rate decreases are only on wools originating in countries to which the United States extends most-favored-nation tariff treatment. Other countries--mostly Communist Bloc--did not participate in the negotiations and tariff rates on wool from these countries were not changed. Five annual decreases of equal amounts are scheduled to accomplish the 50 percent reductions in duty rates. The first of these decreases takes effect on January 1, 1968, and the last decrease, January 1, 1972.

JANUARY 1 STOCKS OF RAW WOOL AND WOOL TOPS

U.S. commercial stocks of raw wool on January 1, 1967, totaled about 116 million pounds, scoured basis--about the same as a year earlier. Stocks of carpet wool were larger; those of apparel wool were smaller. These include stocks of wool held by manufactures and dealers, as well as those held in Customs bonded warehouses. (See table 14.)

Apparel wool stocks amounted to about 87 million pounds, scoured basis--3 percent below a year earlier. Stocks of both domestic wool and foreign wool were lower, totaling about 45 million pounds and 42 million pounds, respectively. Although January stocks in 1967 were slightly lower, declining consumption in late 1966 resulted in a higher stock-consumption ratio at the beginning of 1967 than a year earlier--stocks were equal to 21.4 weeks of consumption, compared with 16.8 weeks at the beginning of 1966. In addition to larger stocks of raw wool, stocks of wool tops on January 1, 1967, were up to 28 million pounds from 19 million pounds a year earlier.

Carpet wool stocks on January 1, 1967, of nearly 30 million pounds were 10 percent larger than a year earlier. Consumption declined and the stock-consumption ratio rose sharply to 16.1 weeks, compared with 12.2 weeks on January 1, 1966. (See table 15.)

MILL CONSUMPTION OF APPAREL WOOL

Consumption of raw apparel wool on the woolen and worsted systems during January-May 1967 totaled 96 million pounds, scoured basis--21 percent less than the relatively high level of a year earlier. (See table 2.) At the beginning of 1967, stocks of wool tops and stocks of wool fabrics in relation to unfilled orders for fabrics were high, compared with early 1966. In addition, competition from man-made fibers increased and contributed further to the declining use of wool. Weekly wool consumption, seasonally adjusted, has remained relatively stable at the late 1966 low level. (See table 16.)

The problem of relatively large "pipeline" stocks of semi-processed wool products that depressed mill use of raw wool has eased somewhat. Wool use in early 1967 held at a rate about 21 percent below a year earlier, while the rate of wool fabric output was off only 16 percent. Retail sales of apparel rose to a record high. Prospects for continued relatively low prices of wool will help to step up wool consumption later in the year. Raw wool consumption in calendar 1967 is expected to total around 240 to 245 million pounds, scoured basis--down moderately from the 267 million pounds used in 1966.

Table 2--U.S. mill consumption of raw wool, scoured basis, January-May 1958 to date

Year	Apparel wool	Carpet wool	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1958	81,322	42,604	123,926
1959	110,219	75,919	186,138
1960	106,199	75,013	181,212
1961	100,093	57,518	157,611
1962	123,658	60,661	184,319
1963	117,134	72,005	189,139
1964	100,247	52,590	152,837
1965 1/	108,217	46,613	154,830
1966 1/	122,315	46,363	168,678
1967 1/	96,329	33,538	129,867

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Total use of all fibers on the worsted system during January-May 1967 was about 62 million pounds--28 percent less than a year earlier. Use of raw wool also declined 28 percent. Output of wool tops in the first 5 months of 1967 totaled about 51 million pounds, compared with 71 million pounds a year earlier. Production of wool noils also declined sharply. (See table 17.)

Mill use of all fibers on the woolen system for yarns, except carpet and rug, during January-May 1967 amounted to 127 million pounds. This was 12 percent less than a year earlier. Use of all fibers declined. However, wool's share of total fiber use rose slightly. (See table 17.)

There was a small shift in January-May 1967 to a larger relative use of wools grading coarser than 60's. Use of the various grades was unchanged on the worsted system, but more of the 50's up to 60's wool was used on the woolen system. (See table 3.)

Table 3.--Percentage distribution of apparel wool consumption, by system and grades, January-May 1963 to date

Year	60's and finer	50's up to 60's	48's and coarser	Total
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	Woolen system			
1963	43.8	48.5	7.7	100.0
1964	42.3	48.2	9.5	100.0
1965	41.1	50.7	8.2	100.0
1966	37.1	55.4	7.5	100.0
1967	31.7	61.5	6.8	100.0
	Worsted system			
1963	57.0	38.2	4.8	100.0
1964	53.0	38.1	8.9	100.0
1965	57.6	37.1	5.3	100.0
1966	60.3	39.7		100.0
1967	60.2	39.8		100.0
	Total			
1963	51.7	42.4	5.9	100.0
1964	48.5	42.4	9.1	100.0
1965	51.2	42.4	6.4	100.0
1966	51.8	48.2		100.0
1967	48.1	51.9		100.0

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND UNFILLED ORDERS OF WOOL APPAREL FABRICS

Gray wool apparel fabric production during January-April 1967 amounted to about 80 million linear yards--down 16 percent compared with the like period of 1966. Output of woolens was 14 percent less than a year earlier, while production of worsteds declined 19 percent. Looms operating during the first 4 months of 1967 were 13 percent fewer than a year earlier. Inventories of gray wool apparel fabrics during January-April 1967 averaged about 12 percent less than a year earlier.

Stocks of finished wool apparel fabrics at the weaving mill level during the first 4 months of 1967 remained relatively stable at close to year earlier levels. Unfilled orders also held fairly stable during early 1967, but at the end of April they were a third less than a year earlier. Accordingly, the ratio of stocks to unfilled orders rose in early 1967, ranging between .35 and .37, and is associated with the relatively low consumption during this period. (See tables 4 and 18.)

Table 4.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Ratio of inventories to unfilled orders, by months, 1963 to date

Month	Inventories as a percentage of unfilled orders				
	1963 1/	1964	1965	1966	1967
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Jan.	36	35	21	17	37
Feb.	38	37	21	19	35
Mar.	40	39	22	20	37
Apr.	45	36	22	25	36
May	47	35	21	23	
June	48	33	19	23	
July	46	29	21	24	
Aug.	55	39	19	24	
Sept	50	27	18	27	
Oct.	50	22	17	26	
Nov.	32	21	20	29	
Dec.	32	20	17	31	

1/ Excluding data for wool blend fabrics (chiefly polyester).

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Stocks of woolen fabrics at the end of April 1967 were up slightly from a year earlier; stocks of worsted fabrics and polyester/wool fabrics were somewhat lower. Unfilled orders for woolen fabrics and polyester/wool fabrics declined about 40 percent, and worsted fabrics, 8 percent.

Deliveries of wool, cotton, and man-made fiber fabrics to the U.S. military forces have continued relatively high since July 1966. During the first 5 months of 1967, deliveries totaled about 101 million pounds of all fibers. This was over 4 times more than a year earlier and the equivalent of about 190 million square yards of fabric. Deliveries of all-wool fabrics during the first 5 months of 1967 amounted to about 15 million square yards; those of blends containing wool totaled 5 million square yards. The wool content of these fabrics during the first 5 months of 1967 was about 12 million pounds. (See tables 19 and 20.)

PRODUCTION OF WOOL YARN FOR SALE

Monthly production of wool yarn for sale to the knitting market increased from about 3.8 million pounds in January 1967 to 5.8 million pounds in May. Although the rate of production rose during early 1967, total output during this period was a fourth lower than a year earlier. The upward trend in output of worsted yarns for knitting in early 1967 was somewhat stronger than the increase for woolens.

Output of wool sales yarn for weaving was also increasing during January-May 1967, but totaled 16 percent less than a year earlier. Production of wool sales yarn for carpets and rugs was relatively stable during the first 5 months of 1967, although 27 percent below a year earlier.

U.S. FOREIGN TRADE IN WOOL TEXTILES

Imports of semiprocessed and manufactured wool textile products during January-June 1967 totaled about 60 million pounds, raw wool equivalent. This was 20 percent less than a year earlier, and reflects the lower level of U.S. wool mill activity. Exports of wool textiles amounted to about 6 million pounds--20 percent less than a year earlier. The resulting import balance of U.S. trade in wool textiles was 54 million pounds --or 19 percent less than a year earlier. (See tables 21 and 22.)

Apparel wool product imports during the first 6 months of 1967 totaled 33 million pounds --19 percent below a year earlier. This probably will lead to imports for all of 1967 totaling somewhat less than the 84 million pounds in 1966. Imports of tops and advanced wool during January-June 1967 decreased about 41 percent; those of wool yarns were down a third. Wool fabric imports were 8 percent lower and wool apparel imports were down 11 percent. Blankets and other manufactures combined totaled 14 percent less.

Noil imports during January-June 1967 amounted to 16 million pounds--about the same as a year earlier--and imports of wool wastes totaled 6 million pounds, or 38 percent less. Carpet and rug imports totaled 5 million pounds--down 44 percent from a year earlier.

DUTIABLE RAW WOOL IMPORTS

Low mill consumption and high beginning stocks in early 1967 contributed to lower imports. During January-June 1967, dutiable raw wool imports amounted to 59 million pounds, clean basis--44percent less than a year earlier. (See table 5.) Some increase in imports, however, is expected during coming months, since the U.S. wool clip is slightly smaller this year and some pickup in mill activity is expected. Imports for 1967 probably will total about 125 to 130 million pounds, clean basis, compared with 163 million pounds in 1966.

Table 5.- Imports of dutiable and duty-free wool for consumption into the United States, clean content, January June 1958 to date

Year	Dutiable	Duty-free	Total
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
1958	34,861	49,406	84,267
1959	59,490	112,616	172,106
1960	43,908	83,043	126,951
1961	46,612	79,808	126,420
1962	66,168	65,867	132,035
1963	69,290	83,238	152,527
1964	47,575	59,969	107,544
1965	82,250	49,549	131,799
1966 1/	104,623	56,121	160,745
1967 1/	58,727	32,132	90,859

1/ Preliminary.
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

The 5 surplus-producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, and Uruguay), continued supplying most of the U.S. imports of dutiable raw wool--95 percent during January-June 1967. Each of these countries shipped less wool to the United States in early 1967 than a year earlier. Australia's share of total U.S. imports, however, increased from 39 percent in January-June 1966 to 48 percent in the like period of 1967. New Zealand's share rose from 15 percent to 20 percent and South Africa's share increased from 12 percent to 14 percent. Sharp reductions in shares of total U.S. imports occurred in South America, with Argentina's share declining from 13 percent in 1966 to 9 percent in 1967 and Uruguay's from 14 percent to 4 percent.

There was a small shift in the quality composition of imported wools during early 1967. Overall, dutiable wools grading 56's and coarser increased. Wools grading finer than 56's continued large--about 70 percent of total imports during January-June 1967, compared with about 73 a year earlier. (See table 6.)

Table 6.--Quality composition of dutiable and duty-free imports, clean content, United States, January-June 1964 to date

Grade	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
		Dutiable		
Finer than 56's	68.7	73.4	72.9	70.2
46's to 56's	8.3	16.4	13.9	18.0
40's to 46's	7.0	3.0	6.0	3.3
Not finer than 40's	16.0	7.2	7.2	8.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
		Duty-free		
44's to 46's	14.9	10.9	13.4	12.1
40's to 44's	15.6	24.5	32.3	33.6
Not finer than 40's	38.1	44.6	33.1	39.0
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	31.4	20.0	21.2	15.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

MILL CONSUMPTION OF CARPET WOOL

Use of raw wool in the spinning of carpet and rug yarns during January-May 1967 declined 28 percent from a year earlier. (See table 2.) However, with some pickup expected in general U.S. economic activity and continuing low carpet wool prices, mill use probably will increase slightly in coming months. For the year, consumption may be about 10 to 15 million pounds less than the record-low 104 million pounds, scoured basis, used in 1966. Although wool prices throughout 1967 are expected to average lower than in recent years, the uptrend in use of man-made fibers will continue.

Total fiber use in wool mills spinning carpet and rug yarns during the first 5 months declined 23 percent from a year earlier. Wool's share of total fiber consumption during 1967 was 41 percent, compared with 43 percent a year earlier and 67 percent 5 years earlier. Use of man-made fibers rose to 55 percent of total fiber use in early 1967 compared with 51 percent in 1966, and 22 percent in 1962. (See table 17.)

SHIPMENTS OF TUFTED RUGS AND CARPETING

Manufacturers' shipments of tufted rugs and carpeting in 1966 continued the sharply rising trend of previous years and totaled a record-high 408 million square yards. This was 9 percent more than in 1965 and more than double the 1961 shipments. Non-cellulosics' share of total tufting yarns increased; shares of wool, cotton, and rayon and acetate declined. (See tables 23 and 24.)

Shipments of rugs larger than 4 by 6 feet during 1966 amounted to 332 million square yards --up 8 percent from 1965 to a record high. Shipments of smaller tufted rugs also set a new record, totaling 76 million square yards, or 12 percent more than a year earlier.

Non-cellulosic fibers share of total fiber use in face yarns for tufted rugs and carpets rose to 69 percent during 1966--up from 63 percent in 1965 and 20 percent in 1960. Wools'

share of total fiber use in tufting yarns reached a record-low, 7 percent; cotton amounted to 5 percent; and rayon and acetate, 20 percent. Use of non-cellulosics in 1966 totaled 376 million pounds; quantities of each of the other fibers declined.

IMPORTS OF DUTY-FREE RAW WOOL

Duty-free raw wool imports in the first 6 months of 1967 totaled about 32 million pounds, clean basis--down 43 percent from a year earlier. (See table 5.) High beginning stocks and low consumption resulted in the decline. However, with an increase expected in consumption, imports probably will show some rise in coming months Total imports for 1967 are estimated at around 85 to 90 million pounds, clean content, compared with 115 million pounds in 1966.

New Zealand and Argentina continued supplying the bulk of U.S. duty-free raw wool imports Shares of total U.S. duty-free imports during January-June 1967 were 43 percent for New Zealand and 31 percent for Argentina--each about the same as a year earlier. The United Kingdom supplied an additional 8 percent in early 1967 and other countries, the remaining 18 percent.

Wools grading finer than 40's in 1967 accounted for about the same share of total imports as a year earlier; those grading 40's and coarser increased, while the named unimproved wools of the Middle East and Asia declined. (See table 6.)

THE WORLD WOOL SITUATION

WORLD WOOL PRICES

Wool mill activity in major-manufacturing countries turned down during the last half of 1966. This contributed to a 12 percent drop in average wool prices between the high point reached in June and July 1966 and the most recent low point in January 1967. Prices of 56's and finer British Dominion wools during February-May 1967 strengthened a very moderate 4 percent, but eased off slightly in late June as tension in the Middle East decreased and the world selling season closed. Prices of the 50's and coarser wools during the first half of 1967 reflected large supplies, but remained stable at the January low level due to the floor-price program of the New Zealand Wool Commission. (See table 25 and fig. 1.)

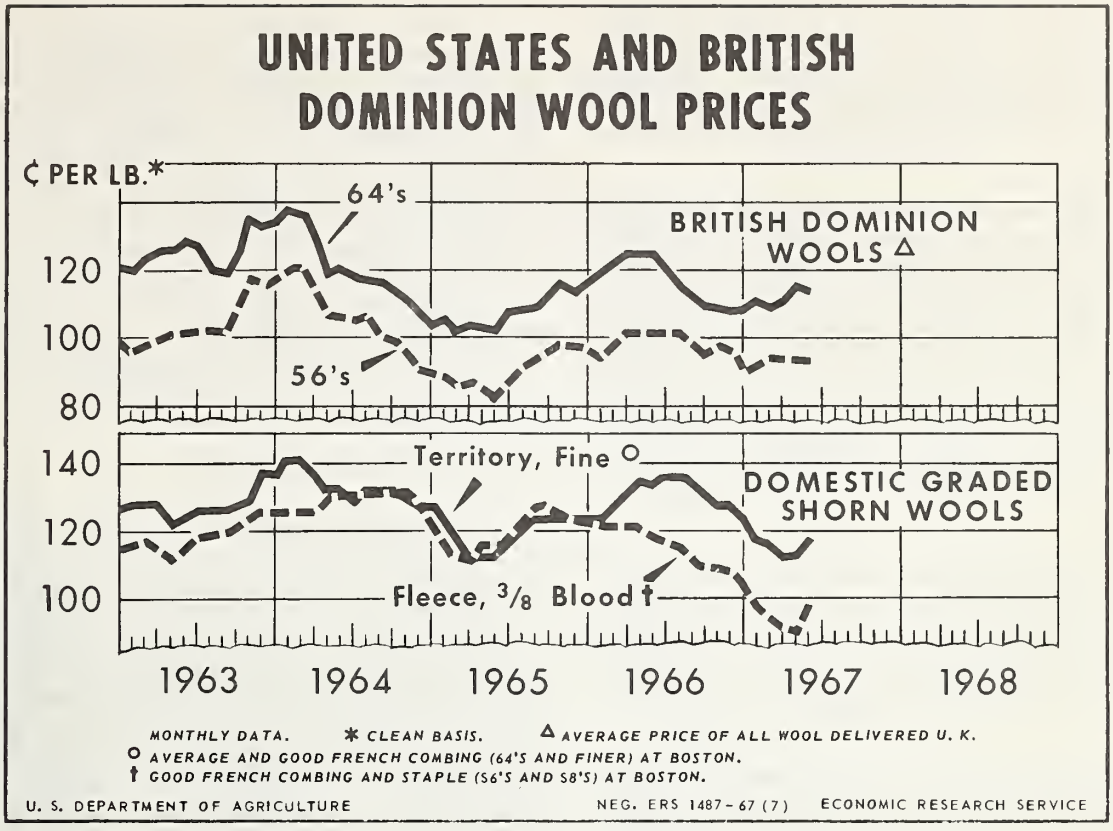
World prices of apparel class wool during the remainder of 1967 probably will show a firmer tendency. World supplies continue relatively short, and consumption is expected to increase. However, world non-cellulosic fiber production rose 21 percent in 1966 and competition from these fibers will slow the rate of increase in wool prices.

Prices of coarse crossbred or carpet class wools during the next few months probably will weaken slightly as a result of large supplies and an average 4.7 cents (U.S.) per pound decrease in the New Zealand Wool Commission floor price. This, however, applies only to 1967/68 sales. Carryover stocks of coarse wool held by the Commission at the end of June 1967 totaled about 646 thousand bales--about a third of the total New Zealand clip. Most of these stocks were purchased during January-June 1967. The Commission policy in handling these carryover stocks is to schedule orderly sales when prices will return not less than cost.

Price differentials amoung 56's and finer British Dominion wools were relatively stable during the last 12 months--averaging 11 cents less in June 1967, compared with a year earlier. Prices of 50's grade wool declined 13 cents, and prices of 48's down to 46's wool decreased 6 cents

WORLD SHEEP NUMBERS

The estimated world sheep population in 1967 totaled a record high 1,027 million head --about 1 percent more than in 1966. During the last 2 decades, sheep numbers have increased nearly 50 percent, with most of the rise occurring prior to 1960. Numbers had declined from a high of about 992 million head in 1960 to 975 million in 1961, but have since increased gradually each year. World wool production generally increased along with sheep numbers, and an early estimate for the season beginning in 1967 shows production totaling around 3,390 million pounds, clean content. (See table 7.)



Sheep numbers in North America and Western Europe during the last year, declined about 3 percent in each area to 32.5 million head and 75.7 million head, respectively. Numbers in South America at 125.2 million head--and in Africa--at 150.3 million head--were about the same as a year earlier.

Increases in sheep numbers occurred in all other areas of the world--about 2 percent in both Eastern Europe and Asia, 3 percent in Oceania, and over 4 percent in the U.S.S.R. Asia now accounts for an estimated 242.5 million head. Sheep numbers in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. combined were about 180.0 million head, and Oceania, 221.1 million head.

WORLD WOOL CONSUMPTION

World mill consumption of raw wool in 1966 totaled an estimated 3,329 million pounds, clean content--almost 3 percent more than in 1965 and near the record-high quantities of 1960-63. (See table 7.) Wool use in 9 countries of the Free World --accounting for about 60 percent of total world consumption--rose 4 percent during 1966. Con-

Table 7.--Estimated world consumption and production of raw wool, clean content, annual 1958 to date.

Year	Consumption 1/	Production 2/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
1958	2,757	3,051
1959	3,172	3,220
1960	3,310	3,225
1961	3,332	3,270
1962	3,318	3,257
1963	3,316	3,321
1964	3,223	3,266
1965	3,246	3,230
1966	3,329	3,343
1967 3/	3,300	3,390

1/ Calendar year.
2/ Marketing year.
3/ Estimated.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

sumption in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and China in 1966 was stable, compared with a year earlier--totaling an estimated 755 million pounds. In other countries, wool consumption amounted to 619 million pounds and was about the same as a year earlier.

Increased mill use of wool in the 9 major-manufacturing countries of the Free World resulted from the greatly expanded mill activity in Italy, France, and Japan. Consumption in these countries rose 25, 10, and 13 percent, respectively. In the United States and in the United Kingdom, wool use declined 4 percent, and in Australia, 11 percent. Wool use in Belgium during 1966 was unchanged compared with a year earlier, and consumption in West Germany and the Netherlands totaled only slightly higher. (See table 26.)

Raw wool's share of total fiber consumed in 6 major-manufacturing countries was stable during 1966 at 52 percent. That of man-made fibers in the wool industry rose 1 percentage point to an estimated 22 percent. Use of nonvirgin wool and other fibers declined.

First quarter 1967 wool consumption in major-manufacturing countries declined 2 percent from the previous quarter to 10 percent below a year earlier. On a seasonally adjusted basis, wool consumption rose to relatively high levels during the first 3 quarters of 1966, fell sharply in the final quarter of 1966 and slightly further in the first quarter of 1967. Although some increase during coming months is expected in the seasonal rate, world wool consumption in 1967 probably will total slightly less than in 1966--around 3,300 million pounds. Wool prices have adjusted downward since the high point reached in mid-1966. However, this effect on wool consumption likely will be offset by increased competition from man-made fibers and a slower rate of expansion during 1967 in general economic activity in some important wool consuming countries.

FIRST QUARTER PRODUCTION OF WOOL TEXTILES

Production of semiprocessed and manufactured wool textile products continued to decline during first quarter 1967 and totaled moderately less than a year earlier. Increases in output generally were confined to Italy and Japan; production in other countries was lower. (See table 27.)

Wool top production in major-manufacturing countries during first quarter 1967 declined about 9 percent from a year earlier. Sharper decreases occurred in France, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Top production in Japan and Italy was up slightly. Total output of worsted yarns was down about 4 percent, with increases in Japan and West Germany being offset by decreases in other countries. Woolen yarn output in first quarter 1967 declined 6 percent, and woven wool fabrics were down 8 percent from a year earlier. Larger production in Japan and Italy was more than offset by substantial declines in other countries.

EXPORTS OF RAW WOOL

Raw wool exports from the 5 major-surplus producing countries of the Southern Hemisphere through early 1967 declined about 7 percent from a year earlier. Exports from Australia were about the same as a year earlier; those of all other countries were lower. Shipments from New Zealand decreased 7 percent and those from South Africa, 13 percent. Exports from South America were substantially lower than a year earlier--Argentina's declined about a fourth, and Uruguay's were down nearly half. (See table 8.)

Table 8.--Exports of wool, actual weight, from Southern Hemisphere surplus-producing countries, 1964/65, 1965/66, and 1966/67 seasons through April 1/

Exporting countries	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Australia 2/	1,064	1,075	1,076
New Zealand 2/	336	396	369
Republic of South Africa	199	239	208
Argentina	128	217	170
Uruguay	61	89	47

1/ Season beginning July 1 in Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of South Africa, and beginning October 1, in Argentina and Uruguay. 2/ July-March.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part 1 - Domestic wool prices, Boston, clean basis

Item	1966				1967				Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
	March	April	May	June	March	April	May	June	
	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	Percent
Graded territory shorn wool									
Fine good French combing and staple	132.5	135.0	137.5	137.5	121.3	117.5	117.5	123.5	90
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	127.5	130.0	132.5	132.5	111.7	107.5	107.5	116.2	88
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	125.5	126.5	127.5	127.5	100.5	91.8	92.1	102.5	80
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	124.5	125.5	126.5	126.5	95.5	87.9	88.9	99.0	78
Low 1/4 blood	119.5	121.0	122.5	122.5	90.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	71
Common and braid	107.5	110.0	112.5	112.5	85.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	78
Graded fleece shorn wool									
Delaine	132.5	135.0	137.5	137.5	121.7	117.5	117.5	126.2	92
1/2 blood good French combing and staple	124.5	126.0	127.5	127.5	106.7	103.8	102.5	111.2	87
3/8 blood good French combing and staple	122.5	122.5	122.5	118.3	94.5	91.8	89.5	97.5	82
1/4 blood good French combing and staple	119.5	121.1	121.0	116.3	89.1	87.9	86.5	92.5	80
Low 1/4 blood	118.5	118.5	118.5	118.5	85.5	82.5	82.5	87.5	74
Common and braid	107.5	110.0	112.5	112.5	85.5	82.5	82.5	82.5	73
Orginial bag Texas shorn wool									
Fine 12 months good French combing and staple	132.5	135.0	137.5	137.5	121.5	112.5	116.5	125.0	91
Fine 8 months (1 in. and over)	117.5	118.0	114.5	114.9	105.5	97.5	99.5	102.5	89
Fine fall (3/4 in. and over)	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	96.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	86
Scoured pulled wool									
70's, 2 in. and longer	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	122.5	92
64's, 70's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	129.9	132.5	132.5	132.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	89
60's, 64's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	127.3	130.5	130.5	130.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	82
60's, 1 1/2 in. and longer	120.9	121.5	121.5	121.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	86
58's, 60's, 2 in. and longer	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.4	88
56's, 58's, 2 in. and longer	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	87
56's, 2 in. and longer	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	85
50's, 56's, 2 in. and longer	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	96.5	86
44's, 50's, 4 in. and longer	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	94.5	94.5	94.5	94.5	86
36's, 44's, 4 in. and longer	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	92.5	88

Compiled from Weekly Review of the Boston Wool Market.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Part II - U.S. Mill Consumption and Imports

Item	Unit	19[illegible]				19[illegible]				Latest data available as percent of a year earlier
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
Mill consumption, scoured basis 1/										
Average weekly rate during month 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	1,000 pounds									
60's and finer	do.	3,078	2,932	3,118	3,070	2,205	1,982	2,147	2,314	75
50's up to 60's	do.	2,744	2,933	2,726	2,675	2,383	2,435	2,514	2,370	89
48's and coarser	do.									
Total apparel wool	do.	5,822	5,865	5,844	5,745	4,588	4,417	4,661	4,684	82
Carpet wool 4/	do.	2,287	2,260	2,116	2,119	1,518	1,362	1,645	1,739	82
Total apparel and carpet	do.	8,109	8,125	7,960	7,864	6,106	5,779	6 306	6,423	82
Monthly aggregates 2/										
Apparel wool 3/	Million pounds									
60's and finer	do.	12.3	14.6	12.5	12.3	8.8	9.9	8.6	9.3	76
50's up to 60's	do.	11.0	14.7	10.9	10.7	9.5	12.2	10.1	9.5	88
48's and coarser	do.									
Total apparel wool	do.	23.3	29.3	23.4	23.0	18.4	22.1	18.6	18.7	81
Carpet wool 4/	do.	9.1	11.3	8.5	8.5	6.1	6.8	6.6	7.0	82
Total apparel and carpet	do.	32.4	40.6	31.9	31.5	24.5	28.9	25.2	25.7	82
Accumulated since January 1										
Apparel wool 3/										
By grade										
60's and finer	do.	24.0	38.6	51.1	63.4	18.6	28.5	37.1	46.4	73
50's up to 60's	do.	22.7	37.3	48.2	58.9	18.2	30.4	40.5	49.9	85
48's and coarser	do.									
By system										
Woolen	do.	17.0	27.6	36.2	44.6	15.7	25.4	33.1	40.6	91
Worsted	do.	29.6	48.4	63.1	77.7	21.2	33.5	44.5	55.7	72
Total apparel wool	do.	46.6	76.0	99.3	122.3	36.9	58.9	77.6	96.3	79
Carpet wool 4/	do.	18.1	29.4	37.9	46.4	13.2	20.0	26.6	33.5	72
Total apparel and carpet	do.	64.7	105.4	137.2	168.7	50.1	78.9	104.2	129.8	77
Imports for consumption										
clean content										
Monthly aggregates										
	1,000 pounds									
Dutiable wool										
Finer than 56's	do.	12,444	15,728	12,660	9,551	5,870	8,188	7,955	5,846	61
46's to 56's	do.	1,983	3,873	2,539	2,303	1,618	2,437	1,860	1,480	64
44's to 46's	do.	609	273	177	384	160	124	52	68	18
40's to 44's	do.	573	753	1,211	959	175	208	189	248	26
Not finer than 40's	do.	1,195	1,363	627	1,381	978	725	486	513	38
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	191	198	173	213	113	154	167	132	62
Total dutiable wool	do.	16,995	22,188	17,387	14,791	8,914	11,836	10,708	8,287	56
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	806	936	1,579	1,244	633	554	291	483	39
40's-44's	do.	1,883	3,208	2,623	3,348	1,245	1,702	848	2,102	63
Not finer than 40's	do.	3,038	3,937	3,386	2,034	1,528	2,637	1,553	1,977	97
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	1,259	2,700	1,945	1,693	801	849	549	1.004	59
Total duty-free	do.	6,986	10,781	9,533	8,320	4,208	5,743	3,241	5,546	67
Total free and dutiable	do.	23,981	32,969	26,920	23,111	13,122	17,579	13,949	13,853	60
Accumulated since January 1	Million pounds									
Dutiable wool										
Finer than 56's	do.	27.1	42.8	55.5	65.0	13.2	21.4	29.3	35.2	54
46's to 56's	do.	4.1	7.9	10.5	12.8	2.7	5.2	7.0	8.5	66
44's to 46's	do.	.7	1.0	1.2	1.6	.3	.4	.4	.5	31
40's to 44's	do.	1.2	1.9	3.1	4.1	.4	.6	.8	1.0	24
Not finer than 40's	do.	2.5	3.9	4.5	5.9	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.3	56
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	.3	.5	.7	.9	.3	.4	.6	.7	78
Total dutiable wool	do.	36.0	58.1	75.5	90.3	18.4	30.2	41.0	49.2	54
Duty-free wool										
44's-46's	do.	2.1	3.0	4.6	5.8	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.2	55
40's-44's	do.	4.2	7.4	10.1	13.4	3.5	5.2	6.0	8.1	60
Not finer than 40's	do.	6.1	10.1	13.4	15.5	4.1	6.7	8.3	10.2	66
Donskoi, Smyrna, etc.	do.	3.7	6.4	8.3	10.0	1.8	2.7	3.2	4.2	42
Total duty-free wool	do.	16.1	26.9	36.4	44.7	11.2	17.0	20.2	25.8	58
Total free and dutiable	do.	52.1	85.0	111.9	135.1	29.6	47.2	61.2	75.0	56

1/ On woolen and worsted systems; excludes wool consumed on the cotton and other spinning systems and in the manufacture of processed felt, hat bodies, and other miscellaneous products.
2/ Monthly periods are 4 or 5 calendar weeks generally totaling 13 weeks per quarter.
3/ Domestic and duty-paid foreign wool.
4/ Duty-free foreign wool.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 9 .--Stock sheep on January 1, number of sheep shorn, weight per fleece, and shorn wool production, United States, 1965 to date

State	Stock sheep on January 1			Sheep and lambs shorn 1/			Weight per fleece			Shorn wool production		
	1965	1966	1967	1965	1966	1967	1965	1966	1967	1965	1966	1967
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Maine	24	20	19	21	18	17	7.2	7.6	7.6	151	136	129
New Hampshire	6	5	5	5	5	4	7.0	7.2	7.1	38	34	30
Vermont	8	8	8	8	8	7	8.1	8.1	8.1	61	61	55
Massachusetts	10	10	10	9	9	9	7.4	7.8	7.0	70	73	64
Rhode Island	2	2	2	2	2	2	7.0	7.2	7.2	15	14	13
Connecticut	5	5	5	5	4	4	7.2	7.5	7.3	35	32	32
New York	110	99	89	100	90	83	8.1	8.1	8.1	807	727	669
New Jersey	10	10	9	10	10	9	7.6	7.6	7.4	73	72	64
Pennsylvania	189	185	176	174	170	162	7.6	7.5	7.3	1,322	1,275	1,183
North Atlantic	365	344	322	334	315	297	7.70	7.70	7.54	2,572	2,424	2,239
Ohio	662	649	642	734	721	690	8.7	8.8	8.8	6,366	6,351	6,041
Indiana	310	291	274	297	278	268	7.8	7.8	7.8	2,330	2,158	2,086
Illinois	374	359	348	485	431	400	7.6	7.8	7.5	3,678	3,366	3,015
Michigan	242	235	202	278	261	229	8.7	8.5	8.6	2,422	2,228	1,974
Wisconsin	164	157	154	158	150	144	8.1	8.0	8.2	1,284	1,200	1,180
East North Central	1,752	1,691	1,620	1,952	1,841	1,731	8.24	8.31	8.26	16,080	15,303	14,296
Minnesota	563	540	513	633	611	580	7.9	7.7	7.8	5,013	4,684	4,533
Iowa	890	810	745	1,051	965	845	7.9	7.8	7.9	8,293	7,526	6,696
Missouri	361	343	298	368	363	323	7.9	7.9	7.9	2,924	2,864	2,557
North Dakota	432	402	383	426	382	376	9.6	9.4	9.6	4,079	3,577	3,596
South Dakota	1,234	1,202	1,202	1,355	1,247	1,232	8.9	8.9	9.5	12,032	11,091	11,669
Nebraska	283	283	252	447	408	357	7.7	7.8	7.8	3,452	3,182	2,798
Kansas	393	401	377	424	426	410	8.3	8.4	8.2	3,525	3,598	3,362
West North Central	4,156	3,981	3,770	4,704	4,402	4,123	8.36	8.30	8.54	39,318	36,522	35,211
Delaware	3	3	3	2	2	2	7.3	7.5	7.5	18	18	18
Maryland	23	20	19	20	18	17	7.2	7.0	7.0	144	126	119
Virginia	228	223	209	214	210	197	6.0	6.0	6.2	1,284	1,262	1,223
West Virginia	205	191	178	184	170	159	5.8	5.7	5.9	1,067	975	942
North Carolina	26	25	22	24	23	20	6.4	6.2	6.5	154	143	130
South Carolina	5	4	3	4	4	2	6.7	6.7	7.1	26	24	17
Georgia	8	7	7	7	6	6	6.1	6.2	6.3	41	38	38
Florida	8	7	6	7	6	5	5.6	5.2	6.0	36	29	31
South Atlantic	505	480	447	462	439	409	6.00	5.96	6.16	2,770	2,615	2,518
Kentucky	185	168	159	157	146	143	7.4	7.3	7.4	1,162	1,066	1,058
Tennessee	95	84	75	83	73	65	5.6	5.8	5.7	465	423	370
Alabama	12	10	9	10	9	8	6.0	6.0	6.4	60	52	48
Mississippi	27	25	23	23	20	19	5.0	5.1	5.1	115	102	97
Arkansas	15	12	11	12	10	9	6.7	6.7	6.4	80	67	58
Louisiana	46	41	31	42	34	27	4.7	4.6	4.5	197	156	121
Oklahoma	121	123	123	117	121	121	8.3	8.4	8.2	967	1,012	998
Texas	4,411	4,676	4,582	5,169	5,031	5,142	8.0	7.7	7.6	41,109	38,777	39,023
South Central	4,912	5,139	5,013	5,613	5,444	5,534	7.87	7.65	7.55	44,155	41,655	41,773
Montana	1,403	1,277	1,226	1,292	1,213	1,115	9.6	9.7	10.2	12,462	11,792	11,323
Idaho	785	761	719	789	751	710	10.0	10.4	10.2	7,856	7,813	7,248
Wyoming	1,989	1,909	1,822	1,910	1,859	1,788	9.9	10.4	10.8	18,945	19,300	19,279
Colorado	1,060	1,060	1,028	1,198	1,346	1,255	9.2	8.9	8.9	11,001	11,940	11,162
New Mexico	938	920	907	922	916	919	9.4	9.5	9.5	8,669	8,712	8,728
Arizona	494	471	421	570	506	444	7.1	7.2	7.1	4,068	3,627	3,154
Utah	1,028	1,038	1,012	1,018	991	996	9.4	10.0	9.7	9,595	9,895	9,659
Nevada	242	244	226	219	226	213	9.5	9.9	9.7	2,075	2,241	2,066
Washington	189	157	143	206	171	155	9.2	9.2	9.2	1,894	1,567	1,428
Oregon	626	582	547	662	613	577	7.6	8.0	8.2	5,053	4,905	4,733
California	1,379	1,379	1,412	1,888	1,824	1,850	7.8	7.5	7.5	14,741	13,623	13,904
Western	10,133	9,798	9,462	10,674	10,416	10,022	9.03	9.16	9.25	96,359	95,415	92,684
48 States	21,823	21,433	20,634	23,738	22,856	22,115	8.48	8.48	8.53	201,254	193,934	188,721
Alaska	20	23	24	18	19	20	11.6	11.3	11.5	209	215	230
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
United States	21,843	21,456	20,658	23,756	22,875	22,135	8.48	8.49	8.54	201,463	194,149	188,951

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Taole 10.--Number of sheep and lambs shorn, weight per fleece, shorn wool production, and price per pound received by farmers, United States, 1955 to date

Year	Sheep and lambs shorn 1/	Weight per fleece 2/	Shorn wool production	Price per pound 3/
	Thousands	Pounds	Thousand pounds	Cents
1955	28,149	8.57	241,284	42.8
1956	28,469	8.51	242,177	44.3
1957	28,415	8.41	239,101	53.7
1958	29,403	8.29	243,713	36.4
1959	30,763	8.45	259,939	43.3
1960	31,081	8.54	265,277	42.0
1961 4/	30,454	8.51	259,161	42.9
1962	29,193	8.45	246,636	47.7
1963	27,264	8.53	232,446	48.5
1964	25,455	8.34	212,333	53.2
1965	23,756	8.48	201,463	47.1
1966	22,875	8.49	194,149	52.1
1967	22,135	8.54	188,951	

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight for fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lamb during the year. 3/ Year beginning April 1 for 1955 through 1962 marketing year, 9-month period beginning April 1 for 1963 marketing year, and calendar year thereafter. 4/ Beginning 1961 includes Alaska.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 11.--Number of stock sheep, number of sheep shorn, and shorn wool production, Native or fleece wool States and Western sheep States, 1955 to date

Year	"Native" or "fleece" wool States			11 Western sheep States, Texas and South Dakota 1/		
	Stock sheep on January 1	Sheep shorn	Shorn wool production	Stock sheep on January 1	Sheep shorn	Shorn wool production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand pounds	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand pounds
1955	8,673	8,799	67,703	18,464	19,350	173,581
1956	8,823	8,238	71,765	18,067	19,231	170,412
1957	9,026	9,751	74,218	17,322	18,664	164,883
1958	9,265	10,175	75,431	17,902	19,228	168,282
1959	9,229	10,122	76,782	18,879	20,641	183,157
1960	9,035	9,846	74,049	19,814	21,235	191,228
1961	8,720	9,356	70,831	19,585	21,086	188,202
1962	8,108	8,856	67,383	18,596	20,325	179,107
1963	7,148	7,779	59,713	17,958	19,471	172,566
1964	6,425	7,218	55,718	17,012	18,221	156,426
1965	6,045	6,540	51,754	15,778	17,198	149,500
1966	5,757	6,162	48,651	15,676	16,694	145,283
1967	5,387	5,719	45,345	15,247	16,396	143,376

1/ Includes South Dakota, Texas, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California.

Compiled from reports of Crop Reporting Board, SRS.

Table 12.--Marketings covered by and payments under the National Wool Act of 1954

Marketing year 1/	Marketings covered by payments			Incentive or support level		Average price received	
	Shorn wool 2/	Unshorn lambs 2/	Mohair	Shorn wool	Mohair	Shorn wool 3/	Mohair 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1955	260.2	981.8	---	62	70	42.8	82.2
1956	254.3	1,277.1	---	62	70	44.3	84.4
1957	156.1	1,194.2	---	62	70	53.7	83.7
1958	300.1	1,316.3	---	62	70	36.4	72.2
1959	256.3	1,366.9	---	62	70	43.3	96.5
1960	255.0	1,391.0	---	62	70	42.0	89.7
1961	259.7	1,438.2	---	62	73	42.9	85.6
1962	237.3	1,350.2	31.4	62	74	47.7	71.4
1963	169.6	1,033.5	---	62	76	48.5	88.1
1964	198.2	1,239.9	---	62	72	53.2	94.3
1965	195.0	1,206.6	29.7	62	72	47.1	65.5
1966	169.0	1,186.0	29.0	65	75.8	52.1	53.7
1967				66	76.4		
1968				67	77.4		
1969							

Marketing year 1/	Payment rate			Amount of payments 7/				70 percent of specific and ad valorem duties for calendar year 8/
	Shorn wool 5/	Unshorn lambs 6/	Mohair 5/	Shorn wool	Unshorn lambs	Mohair	Total	
	Percent	Cents	Percent	Million dollars	Million dollars	Million dollars	Million dollars	Million dollars
1955	44.9	77	---	50.0	7.6	---	57.6	49.0
1956	40.0	71	---	44.0	7.9	---	51.9	52.3
1957	15.5	33	---	12.6	3.5	---	16.1	47.1
1958	70.3	102	---	73.7	11.4	---	85.1	50.1
1959	43.2	75	---	45.4	8.5	---	53.9	67.2
1960	47.6	80	---	49.9	9.6	---	59.5	75.3
1961	44.5	76	---	47.8	9.1	---	56.9	69.2
1962	30.0	57	3.6	32.8	6.4	.8	40.0	90.2
1963	27.8	54	---	22.1	5.1	---	27.2	92.4
1964	16.5	35	---	16.7	3.6	---	20.3	79.3
1965	31.6	60	9.9	28.1	6.1	1.9	36.1	121.5
1966	24.8	52	41.2	21.0	5.0	6.0	32.0	110.8
1967								
1968								
1969								

1/ Year beginning April 1 for 1955-1962, 9-month period beginning April 1 for 1963, and calendar year for 1964 to date. 2/ Unadjusted for weight of unshorn lambs purchased. 3/ Average price per pound received by growers for wool sold during the marketing year. 4/ U.S. average price per pound computed by weighting State average prices by production. Averages for 1955 and 1956 are calendar years; averages for 1957 and later years are for the marketing year. 5/ Percentage needed to bring the average return per pound up to the incentive or support level. 6/ Per hundred weight of unshorn lambs sold. 7/ Payments made after the close of the marketing year. Preliminary estimate for 1966 marketing year. 8/ The National Wool Act of 1954, as amended, limits the accumulated total of payments under the Act on any date to 70 percent of the accumulated total, as of the same date, of gross receipts from specific and ad valorem duties on wool and wool manufactures on and after January 1, 1953. The accumulated reserve as of January 1, 1955, was 92.7 million dollars.

Farmer Programs Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Table 13.--Tariff schedule: Rates of duty in cents per clean pound on wool imported from most-favored-nation (MFN) countries and other countries

Item	Description	MFN country rates effective - through December 31, 1967	MFN country rates effective - on and after January 1, 1972	Other countries
		Cents	Cents	Cents
	Wool not improved by the admixture of merino or English blood, and other wool of whatever blood or orgin not finer than 40's:			
306.10	On the skin	11.00	5.50	22.00
	In the grease or washed:			
306.11	Not sorted	13.00	6.50	24.00
306.12	Sorted	14.00	7.00	25.00
306.13	Scoured	16.00	8.00	27.00
306.14	Carbonized	23.00	11.50	34.00
	Wool finer than 40's but not finer than 44's:			
306.20	On the skin	15.00	7.50	27.00
	In the grease or washed:			
306.21	Not sorted	17.00	8.50	29.00
306.22	Sorted	18.00	9.00	30.00
306.23	Scoured	20.00	10.00	32.00
306.24	Carbonized	27.00	13.50	39.00
	Wool finer than 44's:			
306.30	On the skin	24.00	12.00	32.00
	In the grease or washed:			
306.31	Not sorted	25.50	25.50	34.00
306.32	Sorted	26.25	26.25	35.00
306.33	Scoured	27.25	27.75	37.00
306.34	Carbonized	33.00	33.00	44.00

Complied from United States Tariff Commission reports.

Table 14.--Commercial stocks of apparel wool, scoured basis, and a comparison of stocks with mill consumption, United States, April 1, 1957-January 1, 1967 1/

Year	Held by						Total reported stocks	Number of weeks mill supply represented by stocks held by 2/		
	Manufacturers			Dealers and United States Government				Manufacturers	Dealers and U.S. Government	Total
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total				
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Number	Number	Number
Apr. 1, 1957	38,091	29,149	67,240	45,889	9,217	55,106	122,346	12.4	10.2	22.6
Jan. 1, 1958	34,804	24,265	59,069	44,166	11,869	56,035	115,104	17.3	16.4	33.7
Jan. 1, 1959	35,291	21,257	56,548	26,574	8,807	35,381	91,929	13.9	8.7	22.6
Jan. 1, 1960	42,176	31,158	73,334	19,742	7,663	27,405	100,739	15.9	5.9	21.8
Jan. 1, 1961	37,670	22,726	60,396	23,701	7,193	30,894	91,290	15.3	7.8	23.1
Jan. 1, 1962	37,581	25,199	62,780	17,149	7,431	24,580	87,360	11.9	4.7	16.6
Jan. 1, 1963	28,689	27,013	55,702	14,627	7,410	22,037	77,739	10.9	4.3	15.2
Jan. 1, 1964	28,995	20,515	49,510	17,266	5,893	23,159	72,669	12.0	5.6	17.6
Jan. 1, 1965	22,293	24,454	46,747	18,386	7,758	26,144	72,891	11.5	6.4	17.9
Jan. 1, 1966	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	89,489	3/	3/	16.8
Jan. 1, 1967	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	86,582	3/	3/	21.4

1/ Includes stocks held on consignment, stocks held in bond, and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation, but excludes wool held for the account of domestic growers except that held on consignment for growers. Stocks of companies with less than 10 thousand pounds of wool are not included
2/ Stocks compared with mill consumption during 3 previous months.
3/ Data not available.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 15.--Commercial stocks of carpet wool, scoured basis, and a comparison of stocks with mill consumption, United States, January 1, 1957 to January 1, 1967 1/

Year	Held by		Total reported stocks	Number of weeks mill supply represented by stocks held by 2/		
	Dealers	Spinners		Dealers	Spinners	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Number	Number	Number
Jan. 1, 1957	5,524	27,675	33,199	2.0	10.2	12.2
Jan. 1, 1958	6,876	26,894	33,770	3.3	12.7	16.0
Jan. 1, 1959	6,687	26,881	33,568	2.3	9.1	11.4
Jan. 1, 1960	12,217	38,474	50,691	4.0	12.5	16.5
Jan. 1, 1961	10,306	30,402	40,708	3.5	10.3	13.8
Jan. 1, 1962	7,825	36,654	44,479	2.5	11.7	14.2
Jan. 1, 1963	12,380	28,175	40,555	4.0	9.2	13.2
Jan. 1, 1964	6,412	34,725	41,137	2.2	11.7	13.9
Jan. 1, 1965	7,492	22,887	30,379	3.1	9.6	12.7
Jan. 1, 1966	3/	3/	27,102	3/	3/	12.2
Jan. 1, 1967	3/	3/	29,890	3/	3/	16.1

1/ Includes stocks held on consignment and stocks in process of manufacture up to the carding operation. Data are not included for companies with stocks of less than 10 thousand pounds. 2/ Stocks compared with mill consumption during 3 previous months. 3/ Data not available.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 16.--Average weekly rate of consumption of apparel and carpet wool on woolen and worsted systems, scoured basis, United States, by months, unadjusted and adjusted for seasonal variation, 1963 to date

Month	1963		1964		1965		1966		1967	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
	Apparel wool									
January	5,120	5,187	4,563	4,604	4,855	4,884	5,838	5,867	4,629	4,652
February	5,671	5,437	4,726	4,505	4,870	4,620	5,822	5,508	4,588	4,341
March	5,565	5,382	4,443	4,272	4,947	4,748	5,865	5,623	4,417	4,235
April	5,070	5,005	4,281	4,255	5,623	5,617	5,844	5,850	4,661	4,666
May	5,310	4,840	4,836	4,428	5,523	5,076	5,745	5,285	4,684	4,309
June	5,352	4,883	4,976	4,540	5,461	4,978	5,614	5,113		
July	4,215	4,657	4,026	4,473	4,883	5,431	4,725	5,262		
August	5,012	4,733	4,628	4,378	5,798	5,491	5,519	5,226		
September	4,539	4,589	4,549	4,590	5,424	5,457	4,518	4,53c		
October	4,148	4,237	4,332	4,425	5,661	5,782	4,419	4,514		
November	4,021	4,399	3,977	4,365	5,267	5,813	4,018	4,445		
December	4,175	4,728	3,874	4,372	5,123	5,795	3,778	4,274		
	Carpet wool									
January	2,838	2,721	2,753	2,670	2,316	2,255	2,243	2,188	1,779	1,736
February	3,363	3,243	2,679	2,621	2,220	2,179	2,287	2,249	1,518	1,493
March	3,531	3,542	2,367	2,372	2,207	2,209	2,260	2,260	1,362	1,362
April	3,306	3,412	2,230	2,313	2,172	2,253	2,116	2,195	1,645	1,706
May	3,428	3,470	1,872	1,885	2,187	2,202	2,119	2,134	1,739	1,751
June	2,652	2,789	2,159	2,244	2,160	2,238	1,910	1,975		
July	2,417	3,316	1,576	2,159	1,635	2,243	1,448	1,989		
August	3,373	3,058	2,551	2,340	2,164	1,994	2,083	1,923		
September	3,396	3,150	2,474	2,286	2,190	2,018	1,894	1,742		
October	3,194	2,880	2,577	2,320	2,342	2,116	2,145	1,939		
November	3,001	2,850	2,453	2,305	2,321	2,169	1,936	1,804		
December	2,662	2,767	2,166	2,263	2,025	2,125	1,552	1,632		

Table 17.--Fibers consumed and percentage distribution of wool and other fibers used in woolen spinning and worsted combing, United States, January-May 1963-67

Fiber and year	Production of top		Worsted system 1/		Woolen system				Total fibers consumed	
					For yarns, except carpet and rug		For carpet and rug yarns			
	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent	1,000 lb.	Percent
Shorn and pulled wool of the sheep										
1963	62,899	87.9	69,755	87.8	47,379	31.9	72,005	70.9	189,139	57.4
1964	52,488	82.9	57,755	82.8	42,492	31.2	52,590	52.5	152,837	49.9
1965	60,084	86.7	65,718	86.5	42,499	31.4	46,613	45.4	154,830	49.3
1966	70,887	90.5	77,689	90.5	44,626	31.0	46,363	43.2	168,678	50.0
1967 8/	51,365	89.0	55,720	90.5	40,609	32.1	33,538	40.5	129,867	47.9
Reused, reprocessed, and other wool 2/										
1963	3/	---	3/	---	65,767	44.4	4/ 7,857	7.7	80,021	24.3
1964	3/	---	3/	---	57,318	42.1	4/ 6,047	6.0	71,217	23.3
1965	3/	---	3/	---	56,074	41.4	4/ 6,919	6.7	68,920	21.9
1966	3/	---	3/	---	57,566	40.0	---	---	69,160	20.5
1967 8/	3/	---	3/	---	45,254	35.7	---	---	51,640	19.1
Man-made fibers 5/										
1963	1,794	2.5	1,942	2.4	31,238	21.1	21,193	20.9	54,373	16.5
1964	2,378	3.8	2,490	3.6	33,556	24.6	41,196	41.1	77,242	25.2
1965	2,492	3.6	2,588	3.4	33,932	25.1	48,929	47.6	85,449	27.2
1966	1,779	2.3	---	---	38,711	26.9	54,203	50.5	94,693	28.1
1967 8/	1,011	1.8	7/ 1,280	2.1	38,342	30.3	45,730	55.3	85,119	31.4
Other fibers 6/										
1963	3/	---	3/	---	3,874	2.6	3/	---	5,799	1.8
1964	3/	---	3/	---	2,823	2.1	3/	---	4,899	1.6
1965	3/	---	3/	---	2,886	2.1	3/	---	4,890	1.6
1966	3/	---	3/	---	3,107	2.1	3/	---	4,765	1.4
1967 8/	3/	---	3/	---	2,392	1.9	3/	---	4,300	1.6
Total fibers consumed										
1963	71,551	100.0	79,461	100.0	148,258	100.0	101,613	100.0	329,332	100.0
1964	63,304	100.0	69,786	100.0	136,189	100.0	100,220	100.0	306,195	100.0
1965	69,294	100.0	75,966	100.0	135,391	100.0	102,732	100.0	314,089	100.0
1966	78,302	100.0	85,847	100.0	144,010	100.0	107,428	100.0	337,296	100.0
1967 8/	56,578	100.0	61,582	100.0	126,597	100.0	82,747	100.0	270,926	100.0

1/ Consumption on the worsted system is taken as the sum of top and noil combed. 2/ Includes mohair, alpaca, vicuna, and other specialty fibers as well as tops and noils consumed in woolen spinning and mohair consumed in worsted combing. 3/ Not reported to avoid disclosure of individual company information. 4/ Does not include other wool. 5/ Does not include man-made fiber converted from tow without combing. 6/ Includes cotton, jute, and other vegetable fibers and animal fibers, other than raw wool and mohair, consumed in worsted combing. 7/ Including noils of other fibers. 8/ Preliminary.

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 18.--Finished wool apparel fabrics: Inventories and unfilled orders at the weaving mill level, by months, January 1965 to date

Year and month	Woolens		Worsteds		Wool blends (chiefly polyester)		Total	
	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders	Inventories	Unfilled orders
	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.	Mil. lin. yd.
1965								
Jan.	15.7	44.0	4.5	34.1	2.4	28.2	22.7	106.4
Feb.	17.6	51.9	5.0	32.9	2.2	33.5	24.7	118.3
Mar.	19.6	58.5	4.6	30.1	2.0	28.4	26.2	117.0
Apr.	18.7	60.1	4.7	25.9	2.4	29.6	25.3	115.5
May	17.3	55.4	4.5	29.9	2.9	34.6	24.7	119.9
June	15.7	51.7	4.2	30.6	3.3	37.6	23.3	119.9
July	14.5	42.7	3.8	30.2	3.6	33.2	21.9	106.1
Aug.	13.2	40.6	3.3	35.3	3.9	33.6	20.4	109.5
Sept.	11.8	38.7	3.4	35.6	3.9	29.4	19.1	103.8
Oct.	10.6	36.1	3.1	40.8	3.9	24.5	17.6	101.5
Nov.	11.8	42.3	3.7	42.5	8.7	33.6	24.2	118.4
Dec.	12.6	49.9	4.2	40.9	3.3	26.8	20.2	117.6
1966								
Jan.	13.3	53.9	5.0	39.2	2.8	30.9	21.1	124.0
Feb.	14.2	56.2	6.4	36.8	2.9	31.0	23.5	124.0
Mar.	17.8	59.2	6.4	32.9	3.3	32.8	27.5	124.9
Apr.	17.9	54.7	6.1	25.1	3.6	29.5	27.7	109.4
May	16.4	53.2	5.7	26.2	3.9	32.1	25.9	111.4
June	13.6	46.7	5.2	23.4	4.4	32.4	23.1	102.5
July	12.3	39.3	4.8	23.0	4.8	30.3	21.8	92.7
Aug.	11.7	34.1	4.2	24.1	4.8	27.5	20.7	85.7
Sept.	11.4	26.2	3.9	25.4	5.2	24.7	20.4	76.3
Oct.	9.0	22.5	3.4	24.7	5.1	20.0	17.5	67.2
Nov.	10.3	24.7	4.5	26.4	4.4	14.7	19.2	65.8
Dec.	12.0	26.3	5.2	26.9	4.1	14.4	21.3	67.6
1967								
Jan.	15.1	30.7	5.7	27.9	4.5	9.8	25.3	68.4
Feb.	16.0	33.4	5.8	28.8	3.1	9.2	24.8	71.3
Mar.	17.9	33.7	5.5	29.6	2.7	6.5	26.1	69.8
Apr.	18.6	32.1	5.3	23.2	2.7	17.8	26.6	73.1
May								
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								

Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 19.--Textile fabrics: Deliveries to U.S. military forces, raw fiber content, annual 1961-1966, by months, January 1965 to date

Year and month	Wool					Cotton					Man-Made										
		Wool and man-made fiber mixtures					Cotton and man-made fiber mixtures				Cellulosic			Non-cellulosic			Total			Class	Total all fibers
	100 percent wool fabrics	50 percent or more wool	Less than 50 percent wool	Wool and other fiber mixtures	Total	100 percent cotton fabric	50 percent or more cotton	Less than 50 percent cotton	Cotton and other fiber mixtures	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total	Filament yarn	Staple fiber	Total		
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1961	7,108	28	13	---	7,149	45,201	43	124	---	45,368	752	---	752	662	178	840	1,414	178	1,592	164	54,273
1962	13,661	0	4	2	13,667	50,387	253	768	---	51,408	710	3	713	776	848	1,624	1,486	851	2,337	53	67,465
1963 1/	7,858	0	10	58	7,926	30,777	103	283	17	31,180	126	85	211	770	603	1,373	896	688	1,584	2	40,692
1964 1/	5,246	0	95	2/	5,341	20,363	129	1,118	0	21,610	191	20	211	544	1,380	1,934	745	1,400	2,145	14	29,110
1965 1/	3,863	0	400	346	4,609	26,522	855	124	115	27,626	253	41	294	1,460	1,484	2,953	1,722	1,525	3,247	16	35,408
1966	15,325	80	1,268	0	16,674	103,549	4,960	1,072	0	109,579	20	570	591	11,097	4,695	15,792	11,118	5,266	16,383	20	142,656
1965																					
Jan.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Feb.	932	0	22	0	954	3,444	202	0	0	3,646	69	11	80	220	191	420	288	202	500	0	5,100
Mar.	575	0	67	0	642	4,343	219	0	0	4,571	131	12	143	175	323	498	306	335	641	0	5,854
Apr.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
May	599	0	73	0	672	2,906	265	84	0	3,255	21	18	39	144	464	608	165	482	647	0	4,574
June	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
July	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Aug.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Sept.	451	0	38	0	489	4,021	38	31	0	4,090	0	0	0	200	120	320	200	120	320	2/	4,899
Oct.	362	0	134	98	594	5,232	114	0	30	5,376	32	0	32	204	288	492	236	288	524	16	6,510
Nov.	502	0	35	0	537	2,725	7	0	0	2,732	0	0	0	84	47	131	84	47	131	0	3,400
Dec.	442	0	31	248	721	3,851	20	0	85	3,956	2/	0	2/	433	51	484	433	51	484	0	5,161
1966																					
Jan.	661	0	17	0	678	2,238	39	4	0	2,281	2/	0	2/	236	76	312	236	76	312	0	3,271
Feb.	912	0	42	0	954	3,542	10	0	0	3,552	2/	0	2/	204	62	266	204	62	266	0	4,871
Mar.	816	0	72	0	888	4,408	66	0	0	4,474	1	0	1	664	120	784	665	120	785	0	6,147
Apr.	795	0	48	0	843	7,079	72	0	0	7,151	1	0	1	329	102	431	330	102	432	2	8,428
May	195	0	56	0	251	1,198	16	0	0	1,214	2/	0	2/	23	75	98	24	75	99	0	1,564
June	470	0	36	0	506	3,985	101	3	0	4,089	1	0	1	402	104	506	403	104	507	0	5,102
July	888	18	198	0	1,104	10,997	277	24	0	11,297	1	0	1	1,999	532	2,531	2,000	532	2,531	1	14,933
Aug.	1,827	3	16	0	1,846	12,463	506	145	0	13,114	1	59	60	1,436	463	1,899	1,437	523	1,960	0	16,920
Sept.	2,095	0	29	0	2,124	12,579	676	175	0	13,430	3	112	115	1,359	290	1,649	1,362	402	1,764	1	17,319
Oct.	1,711	53	182	0	1,947	14,036	2,084	265	0	16,385	6	170	177	1,644	1,158	2,802	1,650	1,328	2,978	2	21,312
Nov.	3,245	0	350	0	3,595	17,750	680	368	0	18,798	4	199	203	1,619	1,040	2,659	1,623	1,239	2,862	2	25,257
Dec.	1,710	6	222	0	1,938	13,274	433	88	0	13,794	2	30	32	1,092	673	1,765	1,094	703	1,797	3	17,532
1967																					
Jan.	1,969	27	224	0	2,219	14,295	843	468	0	15,605	4	133	137	1,601	1,223	2,824	1,605	1,356	2,961	1	20,786
Feb.	2,448	0	105	0	2,552	13,824	682	280	0	14,786	3	3	6	1,870	754	2,624	1,873	756	2,629	1	19,968
Mar.	3,081	53	199	0	3,333	18,214	1,075	113	0	19,401	9	33	42	1,655	1,052	2,707	1,664	1,085	2,749	6	25,482
Apr.	1,657	0	107	0	1,764	10,878	781	20	0	11,679	3	19	22	910	658	1,567	912	676	1,589	0	15,032
May	2,079	0	184	0	2,263	14,296	1,019	115	0	15,430	36	32	68	798	735	1,533	834	767	1,601	0	19,294
June																					
July																					
Aug.																					
Sept.																					
Oct.																					
Nov.																					
Dec.																					

1/ Total of available data: 1963, 8 months; 1964, 10 months; 1965, 7 months, all other, 12 months.

2/ Less than 500 pounds.

3/ Not available.

Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 20.--Fabric deliveries to U.S. military forces, in equivalent square yards of fabric, by months, January 1966 to date

Fiber and fabric	1966													1967								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug
	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq.yd.	1,000 sq yd	1,000 sq yd	1,000 sq yd	1,000 sq yd	1,000 sq yd
Wool																						
Blanketing	634	817	197	489	60	216	504	990	845	1,060	2,169	840	8,821	1,209	1,328	2,130	1,250	1,055				
Flannel	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	84	74	183				
Frieze	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0				
Gabardine	0	66	61	110	38	126	159	261	337	160	172	310	1,800	88	919	992	331	546				
Kersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Melton	68	32	0	34	32	14	59	123	201	241	453	487	1,744	443	295	170	148	81				
Pile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Serge	52	58	153	286	65	272	415	956	1,413	808	1,243	632	6,353	759	696	525	274	909				
Tropical	33	151	217	153	119	0	35	231	258	1	57	5	1,260	0	0	0	15	164				
Other	0	0	3	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	14	0	50	0	0	16	10	11				
Total	807	1,124	631	1,092	314	641	1,182	2,561	3,054	2,270	4,108	2,274	20,058	2,499	3,238	3,917	2,102	2,949				
Mixed Fiber																						
Cotton and wool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cotton and cellulosic	1	4	6	5	2	5	7	258	560	830	985	172	2,835	630	33	81	32	280				
Cotton and non-cellulosic	161	0	174	189	4	324	1,106	2,408	1,723	5,845	3,573	1,581	17,088	5,392	5,071	4,097	2,342	2,988				
Cotton and glass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cotton and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Wool and cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Wool and non-cellulosic	108	263	443	300	346	222	1,327	110	177	1,258	2,161	1,389	8,104	1,450	647	1,363	665	1,141				
Wool and other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cotton, wool and cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Cotton, wool and non-cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cellulosic and non-cellulosic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297	170	163				
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total	270	267	623	494	352	551	2,440	2,776	2,460	7,933	6,719	3,142	28,027	7,472	5,751	5,838	3,209	4,573				
Cotton																						
Total	4,577	6,274	7,957	13,102	2,510	7,282	20,204	21,816	21,802	23,809	30,408	22,011	181,752	24,570	24,808	32,189	19,315	23,799				
Man-made																						
Cellulosic																						
Total	0	0	0	1	1/	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0				
Non-cellulosic																						
Total	754	1,093	1,917	1,709	98	2,075	4,342	5,145	6,032	6,371	7,505	4,841	41,882	6,485	6,975	5,959	2,645	1,98				
Glass	0	24	0	4	0	0	4	0	4	9	4	4	53	5	10	10	0	0				
Total man-made	754	1,117	1,917	1,714	98	2,076	4,347	5,146	6,036	6,380	7,509	4,845	41,939	6,490	6,985	5,970	2,645	1,98				
Total all fibers	6,408	8,782	11,128	16,402	3,274	10,550	28,173	32,299	33,352	40,392	48,744	32,272	271,776	41,031	40,782	47,914	27,271	33,307				

1/ Less than 500 square yards.
Based on data from the Department of Defense.

Table 21.--Raw wool content of United States imports for consumption of wool manufactures, average 1956-60, annual 1961-66 and by months, January-June 1967 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Woven fabrics 2/	Wool blankets 3/	Wearing apparel		Other manufactures 5/	Subtotal	Noils	Wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
					Knit	Other than knit 4/						
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Average												
1956-60	2,430	3,523	20,430	204	4,959	4,168	1,935	37,650	33,475	14,290	19,687	105,102
1961	3,405	5,496	19,207	296	8,478	5,239	3,364	45,485	41,218	12,499	28,256	127,458
1962	5,717	9,162	22,108	337	12,629	10,161	5,297	65,411	36,569	14,111	29,546	145,637
1963	6,457	9,992	22,266	420	17,966	10,073	5,364	72,538	41,729	16,263	22,019	152,549
1964	3,079	8,217	19,804	535	20,282	8,139	1,201	61,261	38,075	14,420	27,395	141,147
1965	8,088	11,257	25,702	744	27,617	7,826	1,752	82,986	34,291	17,402	21,437	156,116
1966 8/	10,363	12,970	24,834	747	25,787	7,232	1,668	83,601	27,647	16,229	15,381	142,858
1967 8/												
Jan.	866	881	1,777	44	1,041	275	30	4,914	1,947	1,093	913	8,867
Feb.	561	648	1,725	26	846	236	32	4,074	2,702	1,004	696	8,476
Mar.	563	1,053	2,765	58	966	202	135	5,742	2,849	1,217	831	10,639
Apr.	595	510	2,547	49	1,154	167	166	5,188	2,953	963	833	9,937
May	669	968	2,343	51	1,770	235	98	6,134	3,029	915	773	10,851
June	358	805	2,143	84	2,608	535	417	6,950	2,733	841	619	11,143
Jan.-June												
1961	1,825	2,857	10,708	73	2,355	1,407	1,496	20,721	22,037	6,982	13,234	62,974
1962	3,768	4,486	10,812	112	3,595	1,675	3,721	28,169	18,482	7,967	17,396	72,014
1963	4,657	5,000	12,114	112	5,495	1,780	4,269	33,427	20,561	9,075	10,806	73,869
1964	1,448	3,871	10,644	210	6,522	1,697	618	25,010	21,146	7,745	13,792	67,693
1965	3,210	4,737	13,459	255	9,223	1,763	829	33,476	18,290	7,651	11,523	70,940
1966	6,154	7,356	14,495	360	9,539	1,725	1,016	40,645	15,798	9,692	8,282	74,417
1967 8/	3,865	4,865	13,300	312	8,385	1,650	878	33,002	16,213	6,033	4,665	59,913

See footnotes end of table 22.

Table 22.--Raw wool content of United States exports of domestic wool manufactures, average 1956-60, annual 1961-66 and by months, January-June 1967 1/

Year and month	Tops and advanced wool	Yarns	Fabrics woven and knit	Wool blankets	Wearing apparel		Other manufactures 7/	Felts	Subtotal	Noils and wastes 6/	Carpets and rugs	Total
					Knit	Other than knit						
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Average												
1956-60	180	217	723	317	213	398	432	235	2,714	1,627	546	4,887
1961	278	232	563	88	162	323	489	193	2,328	1,657	553	4,538
1962	291	221	654	173	126	273	442	170	2,350	1,444	575	4,369
1963	873	229	701	89	145	266	580	198	3,081	2,038	470	5,589
1964	370	228	748	239	201	390	893	276	3,345	3,281	372	6,998
1965	433	185	804	213	349	512	2,132	1,534	6,162	8,876	614	15,652
1966 8/	458	272	586	182	348	600	1,979	1,279	5,704	6,399	588	12,691
1967 8/												
Jan.	37	29	44	11	26	31	132	129	439	420	51	910
Feb.	65	36	50	9	42	37	97	45	381	393	37	811
Mar.	34	27	37	11	44	38	122	106	419	605	42	1,066
Apr.	63	14	44	12	49	49	145	81	457	423	67	947
May	58	8	50	12	43	34	220	231	656	319	30	1,005
June	21	5	61	14	53	31	173	164	522	296	56	874
Jan.-June												
1961	154	103	274	20	49	114	278	92	1,084	807	270	2,161
1962	135	108	326	21	40	98	275	98	1,101	888	338	2,327
1963	253	102	328	31	46	108	197	112	1,177	894	199	2,270
1964	209	118	308	46	74	183	333	118	1,384	1,502	197	3,088
1965	203	59	421	59	111	192	868	733	2,646	6,486	289	9,421
1966	215	124	342	65	143	303	917	695	2,804	3,957	256	7,017
1967 8/	278	119	286	69	257	220	889	756	2,874	2,456	283	5,613

1/ Includes manufactures of mohair, alpaca, and other wool-like specialty hair. 2/ Includes pile fabrics and manufactures, tapestry and upholstery goods, press and billiard cloths. 3/ Includes carriage and automobile robes, streamer rugs, etc. 4/ Includes laces, lace articles, veils and veilings, nets and nettings, when reported in pounds. 5/ Includes knit fabrics in the piece and miscellaneous manufactures not elsewhere specified. 6/ Not including rags. Beginning January 1965, export data includes substantial quantities of non-wool animal hair. 7/ Census Bureau's Schedule B classification designated manufactures, n.e.c. 8/ Preliminary. Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 23.--Manufacturers' shipments of tufted rugs and carpeting, United States, annual 1959-66, semi-annual January-June 1964 to July-December 1966

Year	Scatter rugs, bathmats and sets (rugs 4 ft. x 6 ft. or smaller)	Rugs and carpeting including roll goods (rugs larger than 4 ft. x 6 ft.)	Total
	1,000 sq. yd.	1,000 sq. yd.	1,000 sq. yd.
1959	36,416	96,107	132,523
1960	38,220	113,764	151,984
1961	44,530	134,095	178,625
1962	48,569	176,253	224,822
1963	52,432	210,553	262,985
1964	60,674	258,242	318,916
1965	67,389	308,359	375,748
1966	75,705	332,008	407,713
Jan.-June 1964	27,808	120,256	148,064
July-Dec.	32,866	137,986	170,852
Jan.-June 1965	31,940	149,536	181,476
July-Dec.	35,449	158,823	194,272
Jan.-June 1966	36,345	167,712	204,057
July-Dec.	39,360	164,296	203,656

Compiled from Current Industrial Reports M 22 L, Bureau of the Census.

Table 24.--Yarns consumed in the manufacture of tufted rugs and carpeting, United States, annual 1959-66, semi-annual January-June 1964 to July-December 1966

Year	Yarn consumed				
	Cotton	Rayon and acetate	Wool	Other	Total
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
1959	50.8	81.2	42.7	30.5	205.2
1960	49.1	74.6	55.9	43.9	223.5
1961	45.0	78.4	52.0	74.1	249.5
1962	44.1	98.1	54.0	111.4	307.6
1963	35.8	97.3	67.2	159.6	359.9
1964	34.5	104.6	51.1	255.2	445.4
1965	32.9	117.9	43.8	329.5	524.1
1966	25.2	108.0	37.1	376.1	546.4
Jan.-June 1964	16.6	50.0	26.6	114.7	207.9
July-Dec.	17.9	54.6	24.5	140.5	237.5
Jan.-June 1965	16.6	59.3	22.7	154.7	253.3
July-Dec.	16.3	58.6	21.1	174.8	270.8
Jan.-June 1966	13.0	54.4	19.9	182.9	270.2
July-Dec.	12.2	53.6	17.2	193.2	276.2
	Percentage of total consumed				
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1959	24.8	39.6	20.8	14.8	100.0
1960	22.0	33.4	25.0	19.6	100.0
1961	18.0	31.4	20.8	29.8	100.0
1962	14.3	31.9	17.6	36.2	100.0
1963	10.0	27.0	18.7	44.3	100.0
1964	7.7	23.5	11.5	57.3	100.0
1965	6.3	22.5	8.4	62.8	100.0
1966	4.6	19.8	6.8	68.8	100.0
Jan.-June 1964	8.0	24.1	12.8	55.1	100.0
July-Dec.	7.5	23.0	10.3	59.2	100.0
Jan.-June 1965	6.6	23.4	9.0	61.0	100.0
July-Dec.	6.0	21.6	7.8	64.6	100.0
Jan.-June 1966	4.8	20.1	7.4	67.7	100.0
July-Dec.	4.4	19.5	6.2	69.9	100.0

Compiled from Current Industrial Reports M 22 L, Bureau of the Census.

Table 25.--Price per pound of British Dominion wool, (Bradford grade), by months, January 1964 to date

Year and month	Combing							
	70's	64's	60's	58's	56's	50's	48's	46's
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1964								
January	141.1	134.1	128.3	123.6	117.8	107.3	102.6	100.3
February	145.7	138.7	132.9	128.2	120.0	109.5	103.7	100.2
March	144.6	137.6	131.7	127.0	118.9	108.4	101.4	99.1
April	135.3	129.5	123.6	120.1	114.3	105.0	100.3	98.0
May	127.1	119.0	114.3	112.0	107.3	96.8	94.5	92.1
June	129.2	121.1	116.4	114.1	105.9	95.5	93.1	90.8
July	125.5	117.4	113.9	111.6	105.8	95.3	93.0	90.7
August	124.2	117.3	112.6	110.3	106.8	97.5	94.0	92.9
September	122.9	116.0	112.5	110.2	100.9	91.6	88.1	88.1
October	120.6	113.7	109.0	106.7	99.7	89.3	87.0	85.8
November	119.5	112.6	107.9	104.4	96.3	85.9	84.7	83.5
December	115.1	107.0	102.3	96.5	91.9	80.2	76.7	75.6
1965								
January	114.0	104.7	100.0	93.0	90.7	80.3	75.6	74.4
February	115.3	106.0	100.2	92.0	88.5	80.4	75.7	74.5
March	111.7	102.4	95.4	88.4	86.1	76.8	73.3	71.0
April	113.0	103.7	96.7	89.7	87.4	81.6	78.1	75.7
May	113.0	103.7	96.7	90.9	85.1	81.6	78.1	75.8
June	110.5	102.4	96.6	93.1	83.8	79.1	75.6	73.8
July	114.0	107.0	102.3	98.8	87.2	84.9	81.4	79.1
August	112.8	107.0	102.3	98.8	91.9	87.2	82.6	80.2
September	114.2	108.4	103.7	100.2	93.2	83.9	81.6	79.2
October	121.5	113.3	108.6	103.9	94.6	86.4	82.9	81.8
November	123.8	115.7	111.0	107.5	97.0	86.4	82.9	81.8
December	122.6	113.3	108.6	105.1	96.9	82.9	79.4	77.1
1966								
January	125.0	114.5	109.8	106.3	95.8	82.9	77.1	74.8
February	127.3	116.8	110.9	103.9	94.6	82.9	77.1	73.6
March	130.4	121.1	115.3	108.3	97.8	86.2	78.0	74.5
April	123.7	123.4	117.6	110.6	101.3	87.3	76.8	73.3
May	131.5	123.3	117.5	109.4	102.4	87.3	76.8	72.1
June	130.2	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.1
July	130.1	123.2	117.4	110.4	102.3	87.2	76.7	72.0
August	127.8	120.8	116.2	109.2	102.3	83.7	74.4	70.9
September	124.4	117.4	112.7	106.9	98.8	80.2	73.2	69.7
October	121.0	112.8	107.0	101.2	95.4	79.1	73.3	69.8
November	118.6	110.5	105.8	98.9	96.5	77.9	72.1	69.8
December	117.4	109.3	104.6	97.7	95.3	75.6	70.9	68.6
1967								
January	117.5	108.2	102.3	95.4	89.5	74.4	69.8	67.4
February	119.9	111.8	104.8	97.8	92.0	75.7	69.8	67.5
March	117.7	109.5	102.5	95.5	93.2	75.7	69.9	67.6
April	120.1	110.8	102.6	95.6	93.3	75.8	70.0	67.6
May	122.4	115.4	106.0	97.9	93.2	74.6	69.9	67.6
June	121.0	114.0	104.7	97.7	93.0	74.4	69.8	67.5

Compiled from reports of New Zealand Wool Commission.

Table 26.--Wool: Estimated mill consumption in selected countries, clean content, annual 1963-66, and January-March 1966 and 1967

Country	Year				1966	1967	Percentage change	
	1963	1964	1965	1966	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar. 1967 to Jan.-Mar. 1966	1966 compared with 1965
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Percent	Percent
United States 1/	411.7	356.7	387.0	370.3	105.4	79.0	-25.1	-4.3
United Kingdom	457.9	418.3	402.6	388.2	104.9	94.5	-9.9	-3.6
France	296.4	265.5	254.6	281.0	74.6	71.3	-4.4	+10.4
Japan	324.6	333.7	350.4	395.1	92.5	95.3	+3.0	+12.8
Italy	196.3	185.1	189.4	236.3	56.0	60.9	+8.8	+24.8
West Germany	153.2	142.2	146.2	150.9	43.2	28.0	-35.2	+3.2
Belgium	95.1	95.1	97.9	97.6	27.1	---	---	-.3
Australia	80.7	77.1	78.3	69.9	16.1	---	---	-10.7
Netherlands	22.9	21.5	21.4	21.8	5.8	4.0	-31.0	+1.9
Total	2,038.8	1,895.2	1,927.8	2,011.1	526.0	2/433.0	---	+4.3

1/ Consumption on woolen and worsted system only.
2/ Total excludes Australia and Belgium.

Compiled from reports of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Bureau of the Census.

Table 27.--Production of wool and hair tops, woolen and worsted yarn, and wool woven fabrics, by specified countries, annual 1964-66, by quarters, January-March 1966 to date

Country	Year			1966				1967	Percentage change	
	1964	1965	1966	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar. 1967 to Jan.-Mar. 1966	1966 compared with 1965
	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Mil.lb.	Pct.	Pct.
Tops										
United Kingdom	265.2	247.6	229.8	63.4	60.1	53.0	53.3	56.4	-11.1	- 7.2
France	192.8	188.8	211.0	56.3	55.9	47.1	51.7	50.0	-11.2	+11.8
Japan	272.8	273.3	313.7	74.0	79.3	78.9	81.5	75.2	+ 1.6	+14.8
Italy	109.6	117.8	157.2	36.9	43.7	34.9	40.2	39.7	+ 7.6	+33.4
United States	147.3	174.7	165.7	47.6	46.4	39.8	31.9	34.5	-27.5	- 5.2
West Germany	89.1	78.4	86.9	21.3	22.3	20.3	23.1	16.9	-20.7	+10.8
Belgium	61.7	64.8	62.3	16.4	16.2	13.3	16.4	---	---	- 3.8
Australia	49.9	51.2	46.9	10.9	12.0	12.3	11.7	---	---	- 8.4
Uruguay	29.6	22.2	30.3	9.4	9.4	6.2	5.3	---	---	+36.5
Netherlands	2.6	2.6	2.2	.7	.5	.5	.6	.4	-42.9	-15.4
Total	1,220.6	1,221.4	1,306.0	336.8	345.7	306.4	315.6	1/273.1	---	+ 6.9
Worsted yarn										
United Kingdom	236.3	227.0	221.3	59.4	57.6	50.5	53.8	49.7	-16.3	- 2.5
Italy	144.1	166.1	194.8	49.3	51.1	44.8	49.5	48.5	- 1.6	+17.3
France	198.3	183.6	214.2	58.1	57.9	43.2	54.9	49.4	-15.0	+16.7
West Germany	138.3	139.7	155.8	41.1	39.8	37.6	37.3	48.5	+18.0	+11.5
Japan	210.1	238.7	261.7	61.7	65.9	66.2	67.9	64.0	+ 3.7	+ 9.6
Belgium	86.2	94.5	104.6	28.3	27.7	22.6	28.7	---	---	+10.7
Netherlands	24.5	20.8	19.6	5.3	5.1	4.4	4.8	4.2	-20.8	- 5.8
Australia	23.8	23.8	19.3	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	---	---	-18.9
Total	1,061.6	1,094.2	1,191.3	308.1	310.0	274.0	301.7	2/264.3	---	+ 8.9
Woolen yarn										
United Kingdom	325.8	321.8	314.7	83.7	81.8	69.8	79.5	77.1	- 7.9	- 2.2
Italy	297.3	268.2	290.0	69.3	75.1	70.3	75.3	75.0	+ 8.2	+ 8.1
France	126.3	102.3	106.6	27.5	29.6	21.6	27.9	26.6	- 3.3	+ 4.2
West Germany	126.5	133.1	112.6	32.4	30.5	24.8	24.9	20.9	-35.5	-15.4
Japan	117.0	103.5	100.6	22.9	27.3	26.3	24.1	23.0	+ .4	- 2.8
Belgium	51.0	47.7	48.9	13.3	13.5	10.0	13.2	---	---	+ 2.5
Netherlands	46.4	41.5	38.7	10.2	10.3	8.5	8.9	8.2	-19.6	- 6.8
Australia	29.7	30.9	31.3	6.6	8.1	8.4	8.2	---	---	+ 1.3
Total	1,120.0	1,049.0	1,043.4	265.9	276.2	239.7	262.0	2/230.8	---	- .5
Woven fabrics										
	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.	Mil.sq. yd.		
United States	412.8	430.6	427.8	121.2	128.1	101.2	89.3	101.3	-16.4	- .7
United Kingdom	358.3	355.8	332.8	87.8	80.3	79.0	85.8	78.9	-10.1	- 6.5
Japan	423.1	412.3	418.7	100.4	102.0	109.2	107.1	105.4	+ 5.0	+ 1.6
Italy	234.1	206.5	260.6	62.7	69.9	62.4	68.7	68.2	+ 8.8	+26.2
France	229.5	193.0	219.5	56.8	58.4	46.0	58.4	54.3	- 4.4	+13.7
West Germany	177.8	185.3	178.5	47.2	47.3	41.3	42.7	33.0	-30.1	- 3.8
Netherlands	73.5	66.8	66.6	18.2	16.7	15.8	15.4	14.2	-22.0	- .3
Australia	35.2	34.5	31.1	7.5	8.0	7.7	7.9	6.9	- 8.0	- 9.9
Total	1,944.3	1,884.8	1,935.6	501.8	510.7	462.6	475.2	462.2	- 7.9	+ 2.7
Belgium (Mil.lb.)	43.5	38.2	36.6	9.8	9.2	8.4	9.0	---	---	- 4.2

1/ Excludes Australia, Uruguay and the Netherlands.
2/ Excludes Australia and Belgium.

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